

REMARKS

Claims 16 through 28, and 53 through 102, are pending in this application. Claims 16, 53, 63, 82, 84, and 88 are independent. By this Amendment, Claims 29 through 52 have been cancelled, and Claims 79 through 82 have been amended.

In view of the amendments above and the remarks below, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Applicants have amended the specification to correct minor typographical and spelling errors noted therein. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of Claims 16 through 28 and 53 through 102 in the Official Action mailed July 12, 1996.

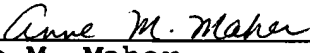
Applicants have cancelled Claims 29 through 52, which were withdrawn by the Examiner in the outstanding Official Action as drawn to a non-elected invention. Applicants have amended Claims 79 through 81 to correct their dependency. Applicants have amended Claim 82 to correct a typographical error noted therein. Applicants submit that these amendments raise no new issues for consideration, and that Claims 79 through 82 remain in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

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